THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Central assistance for modernisation of police in Orissa

309 MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Orissa State has embarked upon modernization of their police force;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this entails huge outlay;

(c) whether Government has rendered financial assistance to the cash-strapped State to help them to achieve the desired objective; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Central Government has been extending financial assistance to all the State Governments, including Orissa, through its Scheme for Modernization of the State Police Forces to supplement the efforts of the State Government in this regard. The items for which assistance is extended, *inter-alia* include, construction of Police Stations/ outposts, training institutes, Forensic Science labs, police housing, equipment for intelligence apparatus, scientific aids to investigation, security equipment etc. The total Central annual allocation under the Scheme has been increased to Rs. 1000 crore from 2000-01 onwards, out of which the Central share to Orissa comes to Rs. 30.50 crore. As the Scheme is being operated on 50:50 cost sharing basis between the Centre and the State, the total plan annual outlay to Orissa comes to Rs. 61.00 crores. The details of the plans approved, Central funds released to Government of Orissa and Utilization reported by the State Government for the previous three financial years, 2000-01 to 2002-03 given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

The details of the plan approved, Central fund released to the government of Orissa and utilization reported by the State Government for the three financial years

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Total plan approved	Central share released	Utilization reported
2000-01	61.15	30.575	35.28
2001-02	61.00	30.50	26.90
2002-03	59.43	16.76*	0.0165

*This amount includes an amount of Rs. 36.25 lakh placed at the disposal of DCPW for implementation of the POLNET project in the State of Orissa.

Threat to VVIPs

310. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Lashkar-e-Toiba threatened suicide attacks in India targeting Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, President and other VVIPs; and

(b) if so, what precautionary measures the Government of India have taken to counter this threat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) Militants groups operating in J&K especially the Lashkar-e-Toiba (Let) and Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) have been issuing threat against the Prime Minister and the Dy. Prime Minister and other VIPs from time to time.

(b) Security reviews of the existing arrangements have been undertaken for firming up the security cover of these VVIPs/VIPs.